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CARGO)

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1. WE CONTINUE TO PREFER WORDING FOR THIRD SENTENCE OF
ARTICLE IX PARA 1 OF THE COMMAND AND CONTROL APPENDIX WHICH
WILL EXPLICITLY PRECLUDE APPLICATION OF CUSTOMS CONTROL
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PROCEDURES TO TRANSITING CARGO, AND ARE CONCERNED AT

REVERSAL OF GREEK TEAM FLEXIBILITY ON THIS POINT. WHILE DELETION OF WORD "SUCH" IN THIRD SENTENCE OF THIS PARA IS HELPFUL, PHRASE "IMPORTED INTO OR EXPORTED FROM GREECE" IS NECESSARY TO PROTECT OUR INTERESTS IN TOTAL CONTEXT OF PARA.

2. ONLY IF U.S. TEAM BELIEVES POSSIBILITY OF SECURING GREEK MOVEMENT ON THIS POINT HAS BEEN EXHAUSTED, ALTERNATIVE OF DELETING "SUCH" AND QUALIFYING PHRASE "IMPORTED INTO OR EXPORTED FROM GREECE" PARA 1 REF A IS ACCEPTABLE AS FALLBACK. AGREEMENT ON THIS LANGUAGE IS SUBJECT ;O CALOGERAS CONFIRMATION IN PLENARY THAT GOG SHARES OUR INTERPRETATION THAT INTRODUCTORY CLAUSE TO THIRD SENTENCE PRESERVES IMMUNITY OF

BOTH STATE AIRCRAFT AND CARGO THEREON FROM GREEK CUSTOMS PROCEDURES.

3. SECOND ALTERNATIVE PARA 1 REF A IS NOT REPEAT NOT ACCEPTABLE SINCE IT COULD BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE OFF-LOADING OF TRANSIT CARGO FOR CUSTOMS INSPECTION. KISSINGER

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